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FM AMEMBASSY SANAA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2421

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

INFO: RUEYE/AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI 008

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJ: EMERGENCY ARMS SUPPLY TO YAR

REF: STATE 138643; AMMAN 3720

DEPARTMENT PASS USCINCEUR, SECDEF FOR ISA

1. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA DROPPED IN JULY 17 TO  
REVIEW ARMS SITUATION, PARTICULARLY STATUS OF YARG  
REQUEST TO JORDAN FOR AMMUNITION AND CAPTURED RUSYGEC  
EQUIPMENT. AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA WAS FEELING A BIT BRUISED  
AS RESULT HIS FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH ALMOST TOTAL ABSENCE  
OF PLANNING AND COHESION WITHIN YARG MILITARY.

2. AMBASSADOR MUETAFI EXPLAINED THAT, AS WE KNEW, YARG  
HAD PUT TO GOJ, AT APPROXIMATELY  
SAME TIME IT APPROACHED  
USG, A REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT OF ESSENTIAL AMMUNITION.  
CROWN PRINCE HASSAN INFORMED MUSTAFA OF READINESS IN PRINCIPLE

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TO COMPLY WMLH AIRLIFT REQUEST. AMMAN HAD DISPATCHED

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NE OFFICER TO RECONNOITER SANAA AIRPORT FACILITIES AND REPORT TELEGRAPHICALLY IN ANTICIPATION OF C-130 LANDINGS. OFFONYC ARRIVED IN SANAA JULY 15. IN INTERIM, HOWEVER,UAQWK MUHANUAD ALAIRYANI HAD INFORMED MUSTAFA THAT DELIVERY BY SEA FROM AQABA TO HODEIDA WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. MUSTAFA PASSED THIS TO AMMAN JUST BEFORE RJAF OFFICER ARRIVED SANAA. ON LEARNING OF ARRIVAL, CIC IRYANI CHANGED HIS MIND AGAIN AND HAS ASKED FOR AVR DELIVERY OF, AT MINIMUM, 50 CALIBER MACHINEGUN AND 76 MM MORTAR AMMUNITION. AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA HAS CONVEYED THIS TO AMMAN WITH RECOMMENDATION GOJ PROCEED AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

3. AS RECOMMENDED PARA 4 AMMAN REFTTEL, I DISCUSSED PARAS 3A AND 3B OF STATE REFTTEL WITH AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA, POINTING OUT THAT THIS HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY AMBASSADOR BROWN WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN PREVIOUS DAY. MUBYAFA GRATIFIED THAT USG AND GOJ, ACTING TOGETHER, COULD MOVE SO QUICKLY TO MEET WHAT WAS UNDENIABLY A REAL YEMENI NEED DESPITE SCATTERED NATURE OF YEMENI APPROACHES. HE SUGGESTED THAT IN FUTURE IN VIEW OF YARG'S COMPLETE LACK OF MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM, WE MIGHT WISH CONSIDER QUINQUEPARTITE COMMITTEE (US, JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN AND YEMEN) TO EXAMINE YAR'S ARMS NEEDS AND COORDINATE ASSISTANCE. I SAID I THOUGHT MY GOVERNMENT WOULD FEEL THIS TYPE OF FORMAL, MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION PREMATURE. ON THE US SIDE, AT LEAST, THIS WOULD TEND IDENTIFY US MORE DIRECTLY AND PUBLICLY WITH MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN THAN WE WISHED--IN YAR'S OWN INTEREST.

4. MUSTAFA HAS SENT TWO QUALIFIED JORDANIAN OFFICERS FOR RECONNAISSANCE OF YAR DEFENSES ALONG ENTIRXD FRONTIAR BEGINNING JULY 17. OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PROMISED FULLEST YARG COOPERATION AND ACCESS. MUSTAFA WILL PASS US THEIR REPORT.

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5. MUSTAFA REPORTED CONVERSATION JULY 16 WITH CIC IRYANI; IRYANI HAD STATED THAT SAQSI SHIP NOW BEING UNLOADED IN HODEIDA HAD BROUGHT 500,000 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER AMMUNITION, SIX 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES, UNSPECIFIED QUANTITIES OF M-1 AND 81MM MORTAR AMMUNITION, AND HAND GRENADES. SOME OLDER RIFLES EVIDENTLY ALSO INCLUDED.

6. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HAD ALSO SEEN CHIEF OF STAFF  
MASWARI FOLLOWING LATTER'S RETURN FROM JUST-CON-  
CLUDED OFFICIAL VISIT TO PARIS. LATTER HAD  
BEEN EXTENSIVELY WINED,DINED AND SHOWN AROUND ARMS  
FACTORIES BY GOF WHICH HAS EVIDENLY DECIDED TO TRY TO

GET INTO THE YEMEN ARMS ACT DESPITE EARLIER STATEMENTS  
TO US BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE THAT THIS ABSOLUTELY  
PRECLUDED BY FRENCH POLICY OF IMPARTIALITY BETWEEN  
NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN.  
CRAWFORD

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